Basic information

1998/0902(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Criminal matters: mutual assistance between the Member States **Subject** 7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	BUFFETAUT Stéphane (I-EDN)	18/03/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2184	1999-05-27
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2146	1998-12-03
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2166	1999-03-12
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2116	1998-09-24
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2075	1998-03-19
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2099	1998-05-28

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/01/1998	Legislative proposal published	05202/1998	Summary
29/01/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/1998	Debate in Council		
30/03/1998	Vote in committee		
30/03/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0122/1998	
02/04/1998	Debate in Parliament		
28/05/1998	Debate in Council		

24/09/1998	Debate in Council		
03/12/1998	Debate in Council		
12/03/1999	Debate in Council		
01/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/05/1999	Debate in Council		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0122/1998 OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0015	30/03/1998	
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Additional information

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Criminal matters: mutual assistance between the Member States

1998/0902(CNS) - 03/04/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Stéphane BUFFETAUT (I-EDN, F) on the draft Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters, Parliament wished to make the draft Convention more effective. To this end it stressed the fundamental importance of judicial cooperation in combating organized crime, the need to establish instruments which were consistent and easy to apply and the honest and efficient nature of the cooperation required. Parliament considered that there must be encouragement of mutual confidence between the Member States and judicial authorities in their European partners and accessibility. Parliament also took into account in its amendments the need for investigations and trials to be swift and fair, the needs of the defence,

the elimination of obstacles to achieving European cooperation and the need to encourage direct communication between judicial authorities. Lastly, Parliament called on the Member States to give the European Court of Justice jurisdiction to interpret the Convention.

Criminal matters: mutual assistance between the Member States

1998/0902(CNS) - 15/01/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to draw up a Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters. CONTENT: the purpose of this draft Convention is to facilitate and improve the efficiency of mutual assistance between the criminal authorities in the Member States in conjunction with the provisions of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of the Council of Europe (1959), the Schengen legislation and the Benelux Treaty on extradition and mutual assistance (1962). The current draft authorises controlled deliveries, examination of witnesses using video-conferencing and facilitates the circulation of requests for mutual assistance. However, phone-tapping, house-searches and arrest are not included in its scope of application. The present draft Convention will need to be ratified by all 15 Member States in order to enter into force.